

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and,

Whereas, Research from the National Fire Protection Association shows fire departments in the United States responded to more than 360,000 home fires in 2009; and,

Whereas, Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half, and automatic sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80 percent; and,

Whereas, South Dakota firefighters and other first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and,

Whereas, South Dakota citizens are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and,

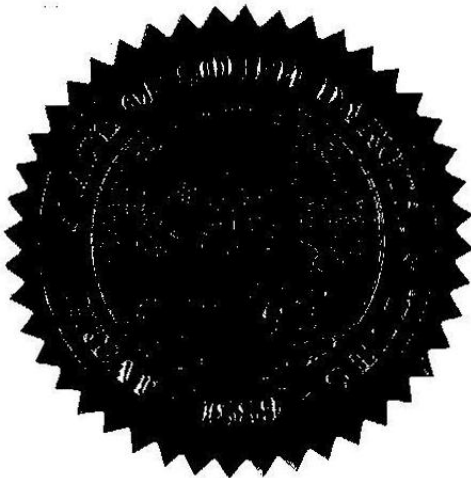
Whereas, Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore, be more likely to survive a fire; and,

Whereas, The 2011 Fire Prevention Week theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2011, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all the people of this state to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2011.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State